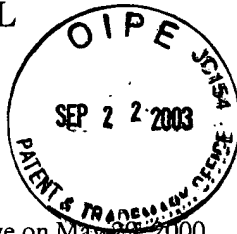


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/777,653
Confirmation Number	9224
Filing Date	February 7, 2001
First Named Inventor	Yasuo OHSAWA
Group Art Unit	1733
Examiner Name	Steven D. MAKI
Matter Number	Q62556
Title	TIRE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on August 19, 2003
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time with appropriate fee
- v. ☐ Other _____

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ Months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue Fee and/or the Publication Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

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Signature *Steven M. Gruskin* Date September 22, 2003